REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 26, 2004. Claims 1-19 are rejected. Claims 1, 7, 10 and 17 have been amended.

The Examiner rejected claims 10-12, 14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Stone, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,101,510, hereinafter "Stone"). Claims 1-9, 13, and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stone, in view of Chappell, ("Understanding ActiveX and Ole," hereinafter "Chappell"). Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stone, in view of Chen, ("ActiveX Programming Unleashed," hereinafter "Chen"). As discussed below, the pending claims are patentable over the above reference.

Stone discloses a web browser control that allows application program developers to incorporate web browser functionality into application programs. The web browser control exposes web-browsing functionality to application programs through an application program interface. This interface comprises member functions, events and properties. The member functions provide high level services such as Navigate to a URL, go forward or backward in a navigation stack, or refresh the display of an HTML page. The events are notification messages that the web browser control sends to a host application to notify the application about actions that have taken place or are about to take place. The properties provide status information about an instance of a control.

Contrary to the presently claimed invention, Stone does not teach or suggest at least having a server that receives a request identifying an object associated with a network-based application from a non-network based application, calls the network based application in response to the request, dynamically accesses the object associated with the network-based

application, and then transfers a datum of the object to the non-network based application, as does the presently claimed invention. In Stone, a server receives a request from an application to create an instance of a web browser control and provides a pointer to the instance of the web browser control to the application. The application then communicates directly with this instance of the web browser control using the pointer. In particular, the application requests specific browser services of the web browser control by invoking the methods on the browser's control interface. In the presently claimed invention, in contrast, the server receives a request identifying an object associated with a network based application from a non-network based application, calls the network-based application in response to the request, dynamically accesses the identified object, and transfers a datum of the object to a non-network based application. Accordingly, Stone does not teach or suggest at least the features of the presently claimed invention that are included in the following language of claim 1:

... a server to receive a request pertaining to the object from a non-network based application, to call the network based application in response to the request, to dynamically access the object in response to the request associated with the network-based application, and to transfer a datum of the object to the non-network based application.

Similar language is also included in independent claims 7, 10 and 17. Thus, the present invention as claimed in claims 1, 7, 10 and 17, and their corresponding dependent claims, is patentable over Stone.

Further, neither Chappell nor Chen helps Stone to render the present invention unpatentable. Chappell describes the creation of compound documents using non-network based applications (e.g., Word and Excel). Chen describes features of ActiveX programming but does not teach or suggest integrating network based and non-network based applications. Accordingly, each of Chappell and Chen lacks all the pertinent features of the presently

claimed invention.

Therefore, the cited references, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the present invention as claimed in claims 1, 7, 10 and 17, and their corresponding dependent claims.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a). Applicants furthermore submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.

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